IN THE CLAIMS:

Please **amend** claims 1, 10, 11, and 20 as follows. Please **cancel** claims 6, 16, and 17 without prejudice and/or disclaimer. Please add claims 23-30.

1. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:

registering in a controller entity a plurality of contact addresses for a user;

receiving a request at the controller entity for a communication link to the user;

querying by the controller entity a database for information regarding a manner regarding how to handle the request, said information indicating if said request is to be forked in parallel or sequentially; and

processing the request in accordance with the information from the database, wherein the processing occurs in accordance with the information from the database if no user preference has been indicated for the known contact addresses, the user preference indicating if a request is to be forked in parallel or sequentially.

2-3. (Cancelled)

4. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed claim 1, wherein the registering comprises registering the plurality of contact addresses for the user in the controller entity which is provided in association with a multimedia network.

5.   (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the registering comprises the user registering the plurality of contact addresses in at least two different communication networks.

6.   (Cancelled)

7.   (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the querying comprises applying a query to a sub-group of the known contact addresses.

8.   (Previously Presented) The method as claimed claim 1, further comprising indicating and assigning handling instructions for at least one contact address independently during registration of the at least one contact address.

9.   (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 8, wherein the indicating and assigning comprises indicating and handling the handling instructions for the at least one contact address by either the user or the database.

10.   (Currently Amended) A system, comprising:

multimedia network provided with a controller entity configured to register contact addresses of a user; and

database configured to store information regarding a manner regarding how to handle a request for the user, said information indicating if said request is to be forked in parallel or sequentially,

~~herein~~ wherein the controller ~~entity~~ is configured to query the user information storage and configured to process requests for connections to the user in accordance with the information queried from the database, <u>wherein the controller is further configured to process a request for a connection in accordance with the information from the database if no user preference has been indicated for the known contact addresses, the user preference indicating if a request is to be forked in parallel or sequentially</u>.

11.   (Currently Amended) An apparatus, comprising:

a register configured to register a plurality of contact addresses for a user; and

an interface to a database configured to store information regarding a manner regarding how to handle a request for the user;

a querying unit configured to query the database; and

a processor configured to process requests for connections to the user in accordance with the information from the database, said information indicating if said request is to be forked in parallel or sequentially, <u>wherein the processor is configured to process a request for a connection in accordance with the information from the database</u>

if no user preference has been indicated for the known contact addresses, the user preference indicating if a request is to be forked in parallel or sequentially.

12-19. (Cancelled)

20.   (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:

registration means for registering a plurality of contact addresses for a user;

interface means for interfacing to a database means for storing information regarding how to handle a request for the user;

querying means for querying the database means for information regarding a manner regarding how to handle the request; and

processing means for processing the request in accordance with the information from the storage means, said information indicating if said request is to be forked in parallel or sequentially, wherein the processing means is configured to process the request in accordance with the information from the storage means if no user preference has been indicated for the known contact addresses, the user preference indicating if a request is to be forked in parallel or sequentially.

21.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said querying comprises querying the database in a user information storage which stores a user profile.

22.   (Previously Presented) A method comprising:

registering in a serving call session control function a plurality of contact addresses for a user;

receiving a request at the serving call session control function for a communication linked to the user;

querying a database for information regarding a manner as to how to handle the request, said information indicating if said request is to be forked in parallel or sequentially, said querying being performed if no preferences for forking has been indicated in said registering; and

processing the request in accordance with the information from the database.

23.   (New) The method of as claimed in claim 1, wherein the processing occurs in accordance with the information from the database if the request does not comprise any caller preferences, the caller preferences indicating if a request is to be forked in parallel or sequentially.

24.   (New) The system of as claimed in claim 10, wherein the controller is further configured to process a request for a connection in accordance with the

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information from the database if the request does not comprise any caller preferences, the caller preferences indicating if a request is to be forked in parallel or sequentially.

25.   (New) The apparatus of as claimed in claim 11, wherein the processor is configured to process a request for a connection in accordance with the information from the database if the request does not comprise any caller preferences, the caller preferences indicating if a request is to be forked in parallel or sequentially.

26.   (New) The apparatus as claimed claim 11, wherein the apparatus is provided in association with a multimedia network.

27.   (New) The apparatus as claimed in claim 11, wherein the register is configured to register the plurality of contact addresses in at least two different communication networks.

28.   (New) The apparatus as claimed in claim 11, wherein the querying unit is configured to apply a query to a sub-group of the known contact addresses.

29.   (New) The apparatus as claimed claim 11, comprising a receiver configured to receive handling instructions for at least one contact address during registration of the at least one contact address.

30.   (New) The apparatus as claimed in claim 29, wherein the receiver receives the handling instructions from either the user or the database.